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INSTITUTE BOARD MEETS IN NEW YORK

The Board of Direction met in New York City Monday, January 15th, to lay plans for the Fifth Annual Meeting and transact other business discussed hereafter under their respective subject headings.

Those present were: President Marsh, Directors Kelcey, McClintock and Williams, and Secretary Simpson. The chairmen of all Committees were also invited to the meeting, but only Mr. Halsey was able to attend.

THE FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING

The Fifth Annual Meeting will be held in Cleveland, Ohio, during the week of October 1-5, at the same time and place as the National Safety Congress. Tentative dates for the Institute Meetings have been selected, subject to negotiations with the National Safety Council in order that the programs of the two groups will not conflict. The Institute Meetings will be held either Monday and Tuesday, October 1 and 2, or Tuesday and Wednesday, October 2 and 3. There will be two sessions on each of these days, with the Annual Dinner held on the first day. One of the sessions will be a joint session with the street and highway traffic section of the National Safety Council, at which safety subjects, particularly, will be discussed. The other meetings will pertain to other phases of traffic engineering activities.

Negotiations are under way with one of the large Cleveland hotels to secure reduced room rates for Institute members. Reduced railroad rates will be in effect and every effort is being made to keep the cost of attendance as low as possible, since it is realized that many of the members coming to the meeting will be forced to meet their own expenses.

Some changes in the character of the program are contemplated this year but the plans are not yet far enough along for definite announcement.

In order to make the program fill as useful a place as possible, the Board of Direction has requested the editor of TRAFFIC ENGINEERING to ask members to send suggestions for subjects to be covered directly to the Secretary, who will place them in the hands of the Program Committee. It is hoped that all members will take advantage of this opportunity to co-operate in planning the program for the coming meeting.

NEW MEMBERS ELECTED

The following additions to the Institute Membership are announced by the Board:

Walter H. Klapproth, MEMBER
Assistant Highway Engineer,
Illinois State Highway Dept.
LaGrange, Ill.

W. E. De Young, ASSOCIATE
District Manager,
Automatic Signal Corp.,
Chicago, Ill.

Dwight M. McCracken, JUNIOR
State House,
Boston, Mass.

Ralph S. Lewis, JUNIOR
Bureau of Traffic Planning,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Phillip X. Rice, AFFILIATE
Assistant Professor of
Electrical Engineering,
Pennsylvania State College,
State College, Pa.

Lieut. Herbert McCaske, AFFILIATE
In Charge Traffic Survey Bureau,
Detroit Police Dept.,
Detroit, Mich.

The following Members were transferred, upon application, to the grade of MEMBERS:

W. Graham Cole,
Director of Safety, Welfare Division,
Metropolitan Life Insurance Co.,
New York City.

Maxwell N. Halsey,
Traffic Engineer,
National Bureau Casualty & Surety Underwriters,
New York City.

Election of these members raises the Institute membership to 73, classified as follows:

Members	38
Associate Members	20
Juniors	4
Affiliates	9
Honorary Members	2
Total	73

Revised membership lists are being prepared and will be sent to all members shortly.

FOURTH NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON STREET AND HIGHWAY SAFETY

As tentatively announced in the December issue, the Executive Committee of the National Conference on Street and Highway Safety has definitely decided to hold the Fourth National Conference on Street and Highway Safety about the end of May or early part of June in this year.

Subjects to be considered are: Revision of the Uniform Vehicle Code and the Model Municipal Traffic Ordinance, adoption of the Joint Committee Manual on Street Traffic Signs, Markings, Signals and Islands, and general consideration of methods of procedure by which a wider adoption of uniform standards may be obtained.

The Committee on Uniform Traffic Laws and Ordinances, under the Chairmanship of George R. Wellington, Motor Vehicle Commissioner of Rhode Island, met in Washington January 17th and 18th to consider the necessity and character of proposed revisions in the model codes. Institute Members on this Committee are: Messrs. Bollong, Kreml, Marsh, McClintock, McIntyre, Simpson, Vey and Williams.

Members of the Institute who have suggestions as to necessary revisions in the documents under discussion should forward them to Mr. A. W. Koehler, Secretary of the Conference, 1650 H Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., at the earliest possible date. It will be helpful if copies of communications on this subject be also sent to Mr. Arnold H. Vey, who is Chairman of the Committee on Uniformity of the Street and Highway Traffic Section, National Safety Council.

W. GRAHAM COLE APPOINTED NEW YORK STATE SAFETY DIRECTOR OF C. W. A.

As stated in the December issue, the Civil Works Administration of the Federal Government is arranging for the appointment of a Director of Safety in each State, with Mr. Sidney J. Williams, of the National Safety Council, as National Director of Safety.

Shortly after Mr. Williams' appointment, it was announced that W. Graham Cole, Safety Director, Welfare Division, Metropolitan

Life Insurance Company, had been loaned by his Company to the Civil Works Administration to act as Director of Safety for New York State. This activity, as explained in the December issue, contemplates not only the development of safe practices for men employed on C. W. A. projects, but also contemplates street traffic safety studies by the unemployed under the supervision of competent safety and traffic engineers.

At the present time several hundreds, or perhaps thousands of men are already engaged in traffic safety surveys under the direction of city traffic engineers. Some of the cities in which from 50 to 300 men are now employed on this work are: Chicago, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and Seattle. Doubtless others are doing this same work but information on their activities has not yet reached Institute Headquarters.

Members wishing to co-operate in this work should make application to their local or state C. W. A. Director, or write directly to Mr. Williams, whose address is 1734 New York Avenue, Washington, D. C.

BIBLIOGRAPHY OF TRAFFIC LITERATURE

The Albert Russel Erskine Bureau for Street Traffic Research has announced a Bibliography on Street Traffic Control in American cities, 1920-1933, reviewed in more detail in TRAFFIC DIGEST for January. This volume ought to be in the library of every traffic engineer. It is available at $1.00 per copy to defray part of the cost of mimeographing and mailing. This low cost is made available through a generous grant by the Harvard University Committee for Research in the Social Sciences from funds of the Rockefeller Foundation.

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